

Thomas A. Turco, III

Leadership & Experience

Thomas Turco brings many years of experience and leadership throughout his career in the judicial and executive branches of government. Prior to retiring as the Secretary of Public Safety and Security in the Baker Polito administration, he led the Department of Correction as Commissioner and served as Undersecretary of Criminal Justice. During those years, he was responsible for the policy and development of Massachusetts' second- largest Executive Branch secretariat, representing the Commonwealth's law enforcement, national guard, criminal justice, forensic technology, homeland security, and emergency response agencies, managing over \$1.7 billion in state, trust, and grant spending annually by more than a dozen secretariat agencies and sub-agencies with nearly 10,000 full-time employees across the state.

Tenure In The Administration

During his tenure in the administration, he oversaw the implementation of landmark police reform and co-chaired numerous initiatives of the administration, including, the Governor's Task Force on Hate Crimes, the Large Venue Security Task Force, and chaired the Faith-Based Organization Safety and Security Plan. While Commissioner of Correction, he oversaw the implementation of An Act Relative to Criminal Justice and the successful transition from a security model to a treatment model at Bridgewater State Hospital and the relocation of the Massachusetts Alcohol and Substance Abuse Clinic creating a more therapeutic environment for those fighting addiction.

Time In The Judicial Branch

Turco's time in the Judicial Branch consisted of many years in the Probation Service as a Probation Officer in the Westborough District Court, Probation Officer-In-Charge at the Hampden and Worcester Community Correction Centers, and twelve years serving in the role of Chief Probation Officer at The Worcester Superior Court, where he was responsible for developing, implementing, and monitoring written local policies and procedures while collaborating with community leaders, organizations, and public sector agencies to promote crime prevention and remediation.